

**City of Concord Recreation and Park Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes October 19, 2006**

**Committee Members present:** Janet Schofield, Bruce Alleyne, Liz Odell, John Mercier, Andrea Goldberg, Candace Bouchard, Keith Nyhan, and Lauren Flieder,

**Staff members present:** Carolyn Tracy, David Gill, Chris Jacques, and Doug Woodward

Meeting called to order at 5 pm at the COMF

Carolyn updated the Committee on the need for volunteers at the **Halloween Howl on Friday, Oct. 27.** The event is from 5:30 -7:30 pm. Recreation Dept staff will be setting up on the State House Plaza beginning at **4:30 pm.**

She reported that the Department had hired a new Recreation Assistant who began work this past Monday. His name is John Dennett who comes to the City with more than 20 years experience working in an office environment.

Carolyn briefly discussed her attendance at the National Recreation & Park Conference held the previous week and a follow up meeting with the City Manager and Finance Director earlier this week. The trend to increase revenues in Parks & Recreation Departments throughout the country is consistent with the challenges facing Concord for revenue generation. She suggested that the Revenue sub-committee meet very soon and begin to develop a plan that will be reflected in the FY'08 budget. Those who were present from the sub-committee agreed to meet on **Nov. 14, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.** at the **White Park Office** to begin this process.

Candace thanked Chris for having the Grounds Division staff weed the flower beds at Keach Park. She also read a letter from the Friends of White Park stating that they had recently donated three park benches, based on the designs approved by RPAC. Committee members were invited to the Friends of WP annual meeting on **Nov. 30 from 6:30 -7:30 p.m. at Franklin Pierce Law Center.**

Candace reviewed the findings from the recent tour of the Centennial Senior Center. Pros and Cons were outlined. Many expressed their concerns about operating costs, remodeling costs, and a disregard for the time and effort that went into the Heights Community Center Phase I project. Andrea moved that the City not pursue the Centennial Senior Center as a Community Center for the Heights area. Janet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Candace began the discussion of the Heights Community Center Phase II fund raising role of RPAC. Councilor Nyhan reviewed the recently adopted City Council goals and stated that the Heights Community Center was not a current goal. There was a discussion about the School Boards' elementary schools facility study in relationship to Dame School. The committee by a consensus vote agreed to not form a Phase II fund raising committee until after the school plans for Dame School are finalized.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by;

Carolyn Tracy, Clerk